personalities have been awarded this special Oscar Award and among them are Akira Kurosawa, the noted Japanese director and Sophia Loren, the noted, film actress. This honour which is being given to a person like Mr. Satyajit Ray is an honour for all of us and we want you to extend our felicitations in this House to the film maker so that our views are communicated.

MR. SPEAKER: Well, we are indeed very happy that a special Oscar Award has been given to Mr. Satyajit Ray and the entire House will join me in conveying our congratulations or felicitations to him.

(*Interruptions*)*

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER: It is not going on record. I will call the Members, one after another.

SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA (Padrauna) Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to submit to the Government that crores of people in Uttar Pradesh depend on sugarcane production for their livelihood. Keeping in mind the interests of sugarcane growers, the State Government announced a procurement price of Rs. 45/- per quintal. The Government owned sugar mills and those under the sugar corporation have agreed to the hike and are paying the farmers accordingly. However, the sugar mills in the private sector have refused to pay the same price and are thus underpaying the farmers. It is also said that they have got a stay order from the Court. If the demands of the farmers are not met, the present situation will take a serious turn and the farmers will be forced to launch a massive agitation against it. If the farmers do not get the price announced by the Uttar Pradesh Government, they stand to lose crores of rupees. Under the circumstances, I request the Government to intervene in the matter and see to it that the farmers get the remunerative price of Rs. 45/- per quintal that has been fixed by the State Government.

[*English*]

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA (Midnapore): Sir, with your kind permission, I just want to draw the attention of the House to a very serious matter. I am glad that the Home Minister is here.

Yesterday, in Chandigarh I was leading a deputation of some selected persons, about 150 altogether, to the Governor to present a memorandum to him. We were stopped by the police at a distance of about 2 Km from the gate of Raj Bhavan. They refused to allow us to proceed further. There was a barrier erected across the road. We made it clear that we had no other intention but to hand over a paper to the Governor regarding which he has already been given previous notice. In spite of that they refused to allow us to proceed and the demonstrators were I think reasonably annoyed about it. So, they tried to push their way past the barrier. I myself was present on the spot. Luckily, because I have an injured leg, as you know, I managed to avoid falling down on the ground somehow. Otherwise, I might have been a victim of that *lathi charge* which ensured subsequently.

A number of people including women injured. This includes Mrs. Vimla Dang, wife of Shri Satpal Dang who was given the Padmashri by this Government. They were beaten up on the road. Similarly, other women and men were injured.

As far as I am concerned, I think I am moving it as a breach of privilege because, I as an M.P. am surely entitled to go to Raj

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